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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. OSWALD GANLEY, DOS/OES/SCI

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1. ROMANIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NCST) ARRANGED ALL VISITS FOR DR. GANLEY REQUESTED BY EMBASSY. PROGRAM INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH NCST PRESIDENT IOAN URSU, VICE PRESIDENTS OCTAVIAN GROZA AND ALEXANDRU SPATARU, AND SPECIAL ADVISOR ION MANZATU; MINISTER OF HEALTH RADU PAUN AND DEPUTY MINISTER MIHAI ALDEA; SINCE-DECEASED ROMANIAN ACADEMY PRESIDENT MIRON NICOLESCU; DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ION STANCIU; AGRICULTURAL ACADEMY VICE PRESIDENT GRIGORE OBREJANU; AND ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL GENERAL SECRETARY MATEI NICOLAU.

2. MAJOR POINTS RAISED BY PROF. URSU IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. GANLEY AND SCIATT WERE:

A. GOR COOPERATION WITH NASA. NCST HIGHLY PLEASED WITH PROGRESS IN THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP AND SATISFIED WITH PROSPECTS FOR S&T COOPERATION. URSU REGARDS DEVELOPMENT OF ROMANIAN REMOTE-SENSING CAPABILITY AS PRIORITY. THIS INCLUDES APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO DATA AND NECESSARY MATERIALS (ESPECIALLY INFRA-REF FILM). HE EXPECTS THESE AND RELATED TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT TIME OF NASA DELEGATION VISIT PROPOSED FOR SEPTEMBER. NCST WILL ISSUE FORMAL INVITATIONS TO NASA IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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B. PROPOSED ENERGY COOPERATION. URSU REGARDS AN NCST/ERDA AGREEMENT ON ENERGY RESEARCH HIGHLY IMPORTANT FOR NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE. HE STRESSED THAT PROPOSALS WOULD BE BASED IN CONCRETE MUTUAL BENEFITS.

C. JOINT PATENT DEVELOPMENT AND PATENT EXPLOITATION. GOR WILL RAISE THIS TOPIC IN MORE DETAIL AT LATER DATE.

D. GOR ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY. U.S. GIFTS OF ENRICHED URANIUM, AND CONTINUED USE OF COBALT RADIATION FACILITY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. (ASSEMBLY OF TRIGA TEST-REACTOR SITE DUE FOR COMPLETION THIS SEPTEMBER.) URSU ALSO ASKED WHETHER SOME MECHANISM MIGHT EXIST FOR ROMANIAN ACQUISITION OF RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR TRAINING AND INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES.

E. URSU EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECEIVING HIGHLY QUALIFIED U.S. SPECIALIST IN PRIORITY AREAS SUCH AS BIOPHYSICS, CRYOGENICS, AND OTHERS. HE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THIS DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY. (BIOPHYSICS SPECIALIST NOW BEING RECRUITED THROUGH CU AND CIES.)

F. STEVER VISIT. ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT IS GREATLY PLEASED WITH DR. STEVER'S ACCEPTANCES OF PROF. URSU'S INVITATION TO VISIT BUCHAREST. THEY LOOK FORWARD TO U.S. CONFIRMATION OF EXACT DATES.

3. URSU CONCLUDED MEETING WITH A GENERAL STATEMENT THAT "OUR OBJECTIVES ARE VERY DIRECT AND CONCRETE. WE ARE MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES THAN EXCHANGES FOR EDUCATIONAL OR INSTRUCTIVE PURPOSES. NOW THERE IS LESS INTEREST IN PURELY ACADEMIC EXCHANGE. SERIOUS ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO ROMANIAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT". HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS HAD TROUBLE SENDING PEOPLE TO THE U.S. "IN CERTAIN ABSTRACT FIELDS LIKE HISTORY, LITERATURE, AND THEORETICAL MATHEMATICS OR PHYSICS" BECAUSE GOR WANTS TO ACHIEVE CONCRETE OBJECTIVES.

4. DR. GANLEY REPLIED IN SUMMARY THAT U.S./GOR S&T RELATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE MATURED, AND ARE NOW BEING REVIEWED. HE SAID THIS IS A TIME FOR QUALITATIVE RECONSIDERATION IN WHICH GENUINE MUTUAL BENEFIT MUST BE CAREFULLY EVALUATED. SPECIFICALLY, HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE IN PRINCIPLE THE U.S. FAVORS SOME KIND OF ENERGY AGREEMENT WITH GOR, SPECIFIC AND DETAILED PROPOSALS ARE REQUIRED SOON. THE SAME REQUIREMENTS WOULD APPLY TO ANY AGREEMENT IN AGRICULTURE. MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO THE CRITERIAN OF MUTUAL BENEFIT FOR EXAMPLE, IS REFLECTED IN U.S. SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS

IN GOR DISCUSSIONS WITH NASA.

5. COMMENT: PROFESSOR URSU FREQUENTLY SPEAKS DIRECTLY IN THE NAME OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, AND EMBASSY REGARDS HIM AS AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT CHANNEL FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS. HIS RECENT SCHEDULE HAS BEEN HECTIC AND CROWDED, AND CHARACTERIZED BY EVIDENT PHYSICAL STRAIN. THE SAME MAY BE SAID OF SPECIAL ADVISOR ION MANZATU, WHO PERSONALLY IS AUTHORIZING DETAILED REVISIONS OF THE 1976-80 FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR S&T. NCST COLLEAGUES REPORT THAT URSU HAS SELDOM BEEN AVAILABLE TO HIS OWN STAFF FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, AND THAT IT IS "DIFFICULT TO GET HIS ATTENTION". THIS HEAVY PACE, AND NUMEROUS OTHER SIGNS INDICATE NCST MAY BE PRINCIPAL LEAD AGENCY IN COORDINATING CEAUSESCU'S NATION-WIDE "INTEGRATION OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION".
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